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Lymington Rural District Council

Medical Officer of Health.

F. H. WATKIN, B.A., M.B., B.C., Cantab.

M.B.C.S., L.R.C.P., England.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

R E P O R T for 1915.

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is 35,513 acres in extent and has a population of 12,500 exclusive of the military.

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THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

There are no factories or workshops in the district.

### BIRTHS.

The births in the year numbered 237 (inclusive of 2 transferable births) an increase of 13 on the previous year. 120 were boys, and 117 girls.

The eastern half of the district (Boldre, Sway, Brockenhurst, and East Boldre) provided 113, while the western half (New Milton, Milford, and Havile) provided 122.

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### DEATHS.

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Of these, 60 were upwards of 65 years of age, while 50 were between the ages of 1 and 45.

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There were 18 deaths of infants under 1 year. 10 of these were due to premature birth and inanition, of the others, 4 convulsions, 1 bronchitis, 2 pneumonia, and one certified as "probably meningitis".

This increases the figures of infant deaths from 62.2 per thousand last year, to 1.55 per thousand as against 16.26 in 1913, and 60.24 in 1912.

The chief causes of death in adults were

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The district however during the past year has been normal as regards notification of infectious cases, and only one case of Diphtheria was removed for isolation.

As regards the notification of Tuberculosis, cases these have required attention and supervision and every endeavour is therefore made to cope properly with the same by inspection, disinfection, and general supervision.

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